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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62780

Komei WASHINO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/744,550

Group Art Unit: 1617

Confirmation No.: 9592

Examiner: Lauren Q. WELLS

Filed: January 26, 2001

For: DRUGS FOR MEDICAL USE ENABLING NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE
DIAGNOSIS BY SCALAR COUPLING

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 17, 2002, the period of response to which has been extended for three months by a concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time and attached fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

35 (New) A drug composition comprising an active ingredient of at least one medicament selected from the group consisting of therapeutic agents, nutritional tonic agents, infusions and diagnostic agents, dissolved in a solvent,

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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